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Iowa Milk Production up 4.2 Percent

Iowa: Milk production in Iowa in March totaled 373 million pounds, up 4.2 percent from March 2006. The average number of milk cows, 211,000 head, was 10,000 head higher than March 2006. Production per cow averaged 1,770 pounds, down 10 pounds from last year.

United States: Milk production in the 23 major States during March totaled 14.8 billion pounds, up 1.1 percent from March 2006. February revised production, at 13.1 billion pounds, was up 0.6 percent from February 2006.

The February revision represented a decrease of 31 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,782 pounds for March, 7 pounds above March 2006. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.28 million head, 58,000 head more than March 2006, and 5,000 head more than February 2007.

Milk Cows and Production: By Selected States, March 2006-2007

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	Change from 2006
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
IL	104	103	1,720	1,655	179	170	-5.0
IN	163	167	1,775	1,770	289	296	2.4
IA	201	211	1,780	1,770	358	373	4.2
KS	111	110	1,840	1,775	204	195	-4.4
MI	316	326	1,905	1,940	602	632	5.0
MN	450	455	1,625	1,650	731	751	2.7
MO	115	115	1,500	1,370	173	158	-8.7
OH	273	275	1,560	1,540	426	424	-0.5
WI	1,241	1,246	1,620	1,640	2,010	2,043	1.6
23-State Total ³	8,224	8,282	1,775	1,782	14,599	14,760	1.1

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. ² Excludes milk sucked by calves. ³ The 23 States are Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin.

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